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1. DOUBT BENEFIT TO BE GAINED BY VISIT TO COTONOU OF DR. DYER
AT THIS TIME. AS REF B INDICATES, DAHOMEANS ARE GOING THROUGH
A PERIOD OF SENSITIVITY TOWARDS FOREIGNERS. PICTURE TAKING AND
EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES -- REGARDLESS OF THE INNOCENCE OF THEIR
INTENT -- COULD AROUDSE UNWARRANTED SUSPICION.

2. MOREOVER, EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY CARTOGRAPHIC FACIL-
ITIES IN THE COUNTRY. MOST MAPS USED IN DAHOMEY ARE PRO-
DUCED AND OBTAINABLY IN PARIS. AN EXAMPLE IS THE MOST RECENT
MAP OF DAHOMEY, REPBLIQUE DU DAHOMEY, WHICH WAS PRINTED IN PARIS
BY THE INSTITUT GEOGRAPHIQUE NATIONAL.

3. DR. JAMES B. DAVIS, GEOGRAPHY DIVISION, BUREAU OF CENSUS
DEPT OF COMMERCE, RECENTLY SPENT EIGHT WEEKS HERE UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF UNDP ADVISING THE MRGD BUREAU OF STATISTICS ON
CARGOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES USED IN PLANNING FOR CENSUS TAKING.
HE COULD CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION OF THE LACK OF CARTOGRAPHIC
SPECIALISTS AND FACILITIES IN DAHOMEY.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, DOUBT UTILITY OF DYER VISIT UNLESS IT
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